

"DEAR YOUNG PEOPLE,  
LET YOURSELVES  
BE TAKEN OVER BY  
THE LIGHT OF CHRIST,  
AND SPREAD THAT  
LIGHT WHEREVER  
YOU ARE."

St. John Paul II

Catholic  
Child



## Holy Spirit and St. Joseph's Youth Ministry 2023-2024 Year 1 and Year 2 Confirmation Calendar

(rev. 8/2023)

**Teens in Confirmation Year 1 and Year 2 will meet on opposite Sunday nights at St. Joseph's Church, beginning with the 5 PM Sunday Mass, and ending at 7:15 PM!**

After the 5 PM Mass (or between 5:50 and 6:00 PM), the teens in Confirmation Preparation will head to The Learning Center for a brief snack, followed by a whole group welcome and opening prayer. Following the opening prayer, students will proceed to their pre-assigned small group meeting space to dive into the weekly lesson and discussion. Students will return to the larger group for a closing prayer and dismissal.

Throughout the year, students will have the opportunity to participate in social activities as well as service projects. Two retreats have been scheduled for students, one during Advent and one during Lent, and students should plan to participate in at least one of these special events.

You may register your child for Confirmation Preparation at: [Confirmation Preparation | HS-SJC | Penfield, NY \(holyspirit-saintjoseph.org\)](https://holyspirit-saintjoseph.org) There is a one time fee of \$50.00 payable online at time of registration.

The goal of our program is to prepare our young people to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, as well as to deepen their faith and connection to the Church and to each other!

**Below are the scheduled dates for the 2023-2024 Youth Ministry Year!**

### Confirmation Year 1: September 24<sup>th</sup>

- "Why am I here?" – Welcome and Introduction to Chosen

### Confirmation Year 2: October 1<sup>st</sup>

- "What does the Holy Spirit do for me?" – Gifts for the Journey

### Confirmation Year 1: October 15<sup>th</sup>

- "What makes me happy?" – Discovering God as the Source

### Confirmation Year 2: October 22<sup>nd</sup>

- “Why do I have to go to Mass” – Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist

### Confirmation Year 1: October 29<sup>th</sup>

- “What’s your story God?” – A Look at Salvation History

### Confirmation Year 2: November 5<sup>th</sup>

- What does it mean to say ‘I Do?’ – Marriage, a Sign of God’s Love

### Confirmation Year 1: November 12<sup>th</sup>

- How do I know God is real?” – Understanding Divine Revelation

### Confirmation Year 2: November 19<sup>th</sup>

- “Who’s calling?” – Holy Orders and Vocational Discernment

### Confirmation Year 1 & 2: December 2<sup>nd</sup> (No class on the 3<sup>rd</sup>)

#### Advent Retreat

- Prepare the Way of the Lord

### Confirmation Year 1: December 10<sup>th</sup>

- “Who is Jesus?” – The Person and Mission of Christ

### Confirmation Year 2: December 17<sup>th</sup>

- “Are you talking to me?” – Getting to Know God Through Prayer

### Confirmation Year 1: January 7<sup>th</sup>

- “Where am I going?” – A Look at the Last Four Things

### Confirmation Year 2: January 21<sup>st</sup>

- “Who is Mary?” – Meeting the Mother of God, and Your Heavenly Family

### Confirmation Year 1: January 28<sup>th</sup>

- “How do I get there?” – The Power and Purpose of the Sacraments

### Confirmation Year 2: February 4<sup>th</sup>

- “What would Jesus do?” – The Beatitudes and a Path to True Happiness

### Confirmation Year 1: February 25<sup>th</sup>

- “Where did my journey begin?” – Baptism, Your Initiation into God’s Family

### Confirmation Year 2: March 3<sup>rd</sup>

- “Do I have what it takes?” – Building Virtue – Your Spiritual Workout

### Confirmation Year 1: March 10<sup>th</sup>

- “Why tell my sins to a Priest?” – The Healing Power of Reconciliation

### **Confirmation Year 2: March 17<sup>th</sup>**

- “Why wait?” – God’s Plan for Love and Sex

### **Confirmation Year 1 & 2: March 23rd (No class on the 24th)**

#### **Lent Retreat**

- **Walk the Way of the Cross with Jesus**

### **Confirmation Year 1: April 14<sup>th</sup>**

- “How does God help when it hurts?” – Anointing of the Sick and Redemptive Suffering

### **Confirmation Year 2: April 21<sup>st</sup>**

- “How do I build the kingdom?” – Saying Yes to the Mission of Christ and His Church

### **Confirmation Year 1: April 28<sup>th</sup>**

- “Why be Catholic?” – Discovering the Church Jesus Founded

### **Confirmation Year 2: May 5**

- “Where do I go from here?” – With Sponsors

### **Confirmation Year 1: May 19<sup>th</sup>**

- Year-End Wrap-Up

### **Confirmation Year 2: TBD**

- Confirmation Rehearsal

### **Confirmation Year 2: TBD**

- Confirmation Ceremony

### **Confirmation Year 2: TBD**

- Congratulations Party